

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Is there any way to reach you people in the government with memories of the democratic ideals you must have been taught once, long ago perhaps, in school? Remember that stuff about a "free press"? Remember that stuff about "an informed citizenry?" I lived in the former Soviet Union for a year as an exchangee on the U.S. State Department's cultural exchange program and I remember only too well what it's like to live under a system where there is no genuine competition among the print and broadcast media. Do you guys care? I have to say a prayer that something will speak to you besides the language of money and make you leave these few safeguards of an increasingly un-free press in place.